

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A STANDING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OR RECOMMEND PROJECTS OR POLICIES RELATED TO THE CITY OF FORT SMITH'S WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES; SETTING MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith through its Utilities Department provides water and sanitary sewer utilities services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith values the provision of efficient and responsible water and sanitary sewer utilities programs as a key component to maximizing the lifespan of Utilities Department assets and relies on increased public education and awareness of the duties and obligations of operating such systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has asked for and the Board has deemed it desirable that a standing Water & Sanitary Sewer Utilities Advisory Committee be formed in order to review programs, policy changes, capital project planning or other recommendations from Administration and the Utilities Department related to the provision of water & sanitary sewer utilities; and

WHEREAS, such committee shall study, advise and/or recommend water or sanitary sewer utilities initiatives or policy adjustments to the Board of Directors as needed or requested by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, that:

Section 1. There is hereby established in and for the city a Water & Sanitary Sewer Utilities Advisory Committee for the purpose of serving as a standing committee in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors for evaluating, planning, analyzing, updating and recommending policies or programs related to the Utilities Department's water and sanitary sewer utilities programs.

Section 2. The Water & Sanitary Sewer Utilities Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members who are qualified electors of the city. Appointments shall be made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Directors. At all times the membership of the Advisory Committee shall include at least one resident from each of the four city wards.

Section 3. Upon appointment and at the first organizational meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members shall draw lots for one (2 positions), two (2 positions), or three (3 positions) year terms. Thereafter, appointments to fill expired terms on the Advisory Committee shall be for three year terms.

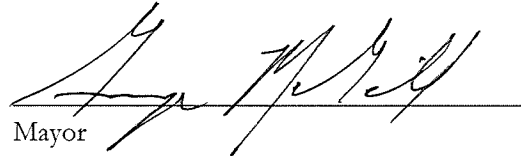
Section 4. The Water & Sanitary Sewer Utilities Advisory Committee shall select a chairperson from its own membership on an annual basis. The chairperson's duty shall be to preside at all meetings of the Advisory Committee. If the chairperson is absent from a particular meeting, the members in attendance shall elect an acting chairperson for that meeting.

Section 5. The Water & Sanitary Sewer Advisory Committee shall establish a regular meeting schedule for the discussion and consideration of projects or policies related to the city's water and sanitary sewer utilities programs and any other items referred by the Board of Directors for the committee's discussion and recommendation.


Section 5. This Ordinance shall be codified and included in Chapter 25 (Utilities), Article I (In General) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2019.

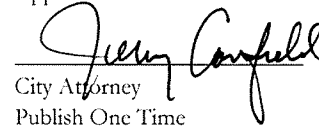
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